

Secretary Baker Arrives in Paris Just in Time to See Great German Air Raid

FOUR ENEMY PLANES ARE SHOT DOWN BY FRENCH

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Mr. Baker continued, is a pilgrimage to a very shrine of heroism, and it is bound to be an inspiration to see the commanders and the armies that have so long held the frontiers of freedom against attack.

In America, as in France, Mr. Baker pointed out, a civilian is secretary of war. That civil power is supreme is a characteristic of our free institutions. We are fighting to maintain civil power, added the Secretary.

In America the dominant thought in all minds is that supplies must be brought up and the industrial resources must be organized so that the army can be supported.

The Secretary declared there was much satisfaction over the fact that the war industries were organized at the beginning. Quantities of war materials are now accumulating, while a great army is completing its training to join the forces already in France.

There can be but one result when the forces of civilization of the allies combine to defend the vital principles of liberty, continued the Secretary.

"President Wilson phrased the spirit of America when we entered the war, and his subsequent declarations reflect the feelings of the entire country," Mr. Baker continued.

"Americans have committed all their resources to the winning of the war," Secretary Baker said he was greatly impressed by the welcome accorded him at the French port where he landed. There has been a spirit of cordiality between the French and Americans since the beginning.

Mr. Baker said that he had made the whole voyage without seasickness.

SUBMARINE ALARMS SOUNDED AS BAKER NEARED FRENCH COAST

PARIS, March 12.—Newton D. Baker, American Secretary of War, came to France on a cruiser, conveying 10,000 troops, of which a portion were aboard a former German liner, it was learned today.

The voyage was enlivened in mid-ocean by a submarine alarm, according to further information. There was considerable cannonading before it was discovered that the "periscope" was only a floating spar.

Warned by Wireless.

Before the cruiser entered port Sunday morning, an alarm was wireless from the port that a submarine was lurking near by. The French sent out a considerable convoy of hydroplanes and dirigibles. Baker was visibly impressed by the thoroughness of these precautions.

After landing the Secretary of War returned the calls of officials and

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Germans Make Russian Prisoners Build Railway On Western Front

AMSTERDAM, March 12.—A four-track railway is being built by the Germans between Aix-la-Chapelle and Bruges, Belgium. One hundred thousand Russian prisoners of war are being used in the construction of it. They are housed in a series of great barracks buildings.

(The distance between Bruges and Aix-la-Chapelle is about 125 miles. The railway would be of great strategic importance to the Germans, because of its connection with the Prussian state railways.)

walked about the town for forty minutes before boarding a train for Paris. Arriving in Paris, Baker, accompanied by General Pershing, began a round of formal calls, concluding with Ambassador Sharp, who will present him formally to President Poincaré.

Baker issued a statement in which he declared his intention of visiting all the communication lines of the army, after which he would confer thoroughly with Pershing, in order to support more effectively the American and allied armies.

DEBUNKING WEST OF NEEDED LABOR, CHARGES MEEKER

Redistribution of skilled labor will be the greatest problem the United States will have to face during the reconstruction following the war, Congressman Meeker of Missouri told the House today.

He attacked the mobilization of skilled labor at the seaboard for work in munition plants. "Of course it is necessary to mobilize them for shipbuilding," he said, "but it is unnecessary and absurd to send them to the seaboard to work in munition plants and supply factories."

"There is an industrial principle that for every skilled laborer in a plant there must be a certain number of unskilled workers. The Government is taking all the skilled workers from the Mississippi valley and relocating them on the seaboard. Naturally the unskilled will follow them. Should the war last several years, and it probably will—the connection of these men with the Middle West will be severed and the seaboard will become their permanent home."

"We are now unskilled and idly killing off the Middle West for the benefit of the coast. We are laying the groundwork for a catastrophe. The effect of the move will soon be felt in the Mississippi valley. The only way we can head off an industrial calamity for that part of the country is to have our war work done there."

Everything besides ships that we need to win the war can be made in the Middle West, and must be made there, unless we want to face the danger of shifting our population to the country's edges."

PRESIDENT RENOMINATES JUDGE STRASBURGER

Judge Milton Strasburger, of the municipal court, has been nominated by President Wilson for another term as judge of that court.

Judge Strasburger's work on the municipal court bench has been of a high-grade character, attracting the attention of Attorney General Gregory, who promptly recommended that he be continued in his present position.

Besides his judicial work Judge Strasburger is active in philanthropic work in Washington, giving all his spare time to serving others.

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS REPORTS NO MISHAPS

A delayed State Department cablegram from Moscow today said that the Russian government was moving to Moscow, March 9, and that if the Germans continued their advances, the government would be moved further east.

Vologda message from Ambassador Francis reported no mishaps to himself and no intention on his part to move from there.

SURVEY AIR PROGRAM.

The War Department this afternoon named a committee to make a survey of the Government's aeronautical program. The committee is composed of Snodden Marshall, of New York; Edward Wills, of the Babcock & Wilcox Co., and a third whose name will be announced later.

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PRESIDENT FAVORS GIVING MEDICAL MEN HIGH RANK

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

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American army and thousands of colonels.

This measure is understood to be in accord with the practice, too, in other armies and has not been attended to before with respect to our own army because of the rapidity with which the medical corps has been compelled to expand. Difficulties that it was thought would not occur have, however, arisen and the entire medical corps will unquestionably benefit by the reorganization that will follow the promotion to higher rank of the men who best knew what is good for the health, sanitation, and care of troops in the field.

GRANTING OF LEAVE TO U. S. EMPLOYEES UP TO EXECUTIVES

The granting of thirty days annual leave to employees of the Government, though provided for by law, is purely a matter of discretion resting with the heads of the various executive departments, according to a decision by Comptroller of the Treasury Warwick today.

The Comptroller's decision was handed down on the appeal of D. M. Routson, of No. 1 Grant place north-west, former bookkeeper in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department. Mr. Routson resigned, and tendered a resignation effective December 15, with the request for leave from November 30, a customary procedure.

In this case, however, Paymaster General McGowan, recommended to Secretary Daniels that as other employees had their leave curtailed under the press of war business, that he could see no reason why Mr. Routson should get accrued leave. The resignation was accepted, effective November 30. He appealed to the Comptroller for payment of half a month's salary and the appeal was denied.

FORM COLORADO CLUB AND ELECT OFFICERS

A call has been sent out to all Colorado citizens in Washington, to join the newly organized Colorado Society. A hospitality committee will meet incoming Coloradans to offer their services to the newcomers from home.

The organization meeting held in the assembly hall of the Colonial School, Eighteenth and Q streets, last night had 116 Rocky Mountain citizens in attendance. The object of the organization was expressed in a speech by Senator John F. Shafroth. Representatives Edward Keating, Benjamin C. Hilliard, Charles B. Timbarkle and Edward T. Taylor, and several other distinguished men from the State, spoke in favor of the organization.

Thomas F. Dawson, executive clerk of the Senate, was elected president; Mrs. E. B. Costigan, vice president; and Harry G. Fisher, secretary. The first session will be held at the Colonial School April 2.

MANY SEEK TO ADOPT WAR BABY FOUND IN PARK



BABY PAUL JENKINS.
His father is in France. His mother, starving, abandoned him. Now many want to take his mother's place.

"Little war baby, no matter who you are I'll take care of you!" These words revealed the soul tragedy of many Washington householders today, as childless couples petitioned the sisters at St. Ann's Infant Asylum for the custody of the smiling mite of an orphan, Baby Paul.

If you have yearned for the soft caress of an infant's lips or the warm clasp of baby hands, then you know the heartaches that were unloosed at the crib of the tiny orphan.

Aroused by Times Story.

Regardless of the mystery that surrounds his lineage, women denied the joys of motherhood phoned the attendants at St. Ann's for information today. The publication in The Times of the little one's plight aroused a storm of indignation against the woman who abandoned the infant on a park bench Sunday while the gale was at its height. In the wake of the wave of wrath came a natural pity for the deserted baby boy.

"Give him to me, I need him," pleaded one woman, whose garments bespoke wealth. Beside her stood another, less fortunate in worldly possessions but "sisters under the skin," the child was a link that brought them to a common level.

Somewhere in France, a soldier and a father is fighting that his son may be free of the Hohenzollern yoke when he reaches manhood. Somewhere in Washington, his despondent wife, forsaken and penniless wanders in search of food and shelter. Their ten-month-old offspring, the apex of the triangle of woe, is quite unconscious of the tragedy enacted about his head.

A message was planned to the deserted mite's thin clothing when he was found near the Scott monument Sunday afternoon by two young girls. The foundling's name was given as "Paul Jenkins, born in Richmond, Va., May 10, 1917, father in France, mother starving." It is the only clue to the youngster's identity. It saved the little unfortunate from being a nameless charge.

Before any legal steps toward adoption can be taken, the authorities must be satisfied that the infant's mother has disappeared. After a few weeks, unless word is received from the hapless woman, it is probable that the child will be given into custody of a reputable couple. If Paul's mother can establish proof of

LIVESTOCK MAN SOUNDS WARNING OF BEEF SHORTAGE

A serious beef shortage is due in a year, unless relief is given the cattle feeders and farmers, according to testimony given before the Senate Agricultural Committee today.

Edward F. Keefe, of Chicago, vice president of the Illinois Live Stock Association, declared that 75 per cent of the cattle feeders were losing from \$40 to \$50 a head at the present time.

Dr. E. D. Durand, Chicago representative of the food administration, was declared by Keefe to be "unsatisfactory."

The series of meatless days reduced the consumption of heavy beef 30 per cent, the witness testified. He urged an open market for the feeders.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE THE EXPRESS COMPANIES SOON

That Railway Director McAdoo's advisory board will report soon in favor of the Government taking over the operation of express companies, was intimated this afternoon by officials of the railway administration.

It was said that a report would be forthcoming within a few days.

OPENING IRREGULAR.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The stock market opened irregular today, but prices were generally higher. United States Steel being an exception. It was quoted at 91½, off ¼. Bethlehem B was quoted at 80½, up ¼. Rail stocks were higher, and motor stocks were off a fraction.

HANGING FOR SPIES PROVIDED BY BILL

German spies convicted in American courts would be hanged by the provisions of a resolution introduced in the House today by Congressman Kelly of Pennsylvania.

"It's time to quit interfering German agents and spies," three square meals a day," Kelly said.

BACK TO COMMITTEE.

The nation's aviation and shipping programs today got a setback when the Senate recommitted the bill giving President Wilson control of the nation's lumber supply. This measure was designed to enable the President to speed up aircraft and ship production by taking charge of timber lands, and increasing production of the kinds of timber needed.

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SUBMARINE SINKS UNARMED VESSEL; SHELLS RESCUERS

LONDON, March 12.—The unarmed Irish schooner Nanny Wignall, was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine, it was announced today.

The submarine shelled survivors who were picking up their comrades from the sea.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

The following names are contained in the latest casualty list received by the War Department from General Pershing:

KILLED IN ACTION.
Lieut. John H. David.
Corporal Ralph R. Flora.
Corporal Edward F. Sullivan.
Private George Adkins.
Private Michael Abern.
Private Oscar Ammon.
Private Thomas C. Bragg.
Private Patrick Britt.
Private Joe D. Brookfield.
Private Arthur Christofsky.
Private Frank T. Cockrell.
Private William Drain.
Private Philip Finn.
Private Edwin L. Fitch.
Private John J. Hoppel.
Private Arthur V. Hegney.
Private George H. Hovey.
Private Edward J. Kearney.
Private James B. Kennedy.
Private Peter Laffey.
Private Fred R. McGill.
Private Frank A. Moagher.
Private William A. Hoyland.
Private James E. Halyshell.
Private William N. Sage.
Private Walter W. Sanders.
Private Robert Snyder.

DIED OF WOUNDS.
Sergeant Theodore Peterson.
Private Hugh E. Hunt.
Private Lawrence Wenzel.
Private Henry J. Sweeney.
Private Jim F. Edgar.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.
Private Herman D. Gentry.
WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.
Lieut. Edwin M. Devenport.
Lieut. Stephen C. Markoe.
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Corporal Charles Strace.
Corporal Charles C. Carter.
Private John K. Boston.
Private Gust E. Olson.
Private John Openshaw.

OTHER DEATHS.
Died pneumonia—Private William Rhodes.
Died fractured skull—Wagoner John C. Collins.
Died meningitis—Private Fell Hall.
Died pneumonia—Sergeant C. Howard Peck, Jr.
Died accident—First Lieut. Arthur J. Ferrault.
Died pneumonia—Private James Magee.
Died appendicitis—Private William R. Taylor.
Killed in accident—Corporal Marshall Jones.
Killed in accident—Private Frederick E. Pieper.
Killed in accident—Private John Uhlman.
Died emphysema—Private Carl S. Burgett.
Died meningitis—Private James C. Flowers.
Died meningitis—Private John K. Horton.
Died pneumonia—Private Clarence V. Legal.
Died pneumonia—Private Abram Hoyerman.
Died pneumonia—Private Herman Pape.
Died pneumonia—Private Thomas J. Cate.
Died pneumonia—Private George Glenn.

RULING EXPECTED TODAY ON SEIZURE OF GODSOL PAPERS

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lawyer. "If I had the least suspicion that he had furthered German propaganda I would cease to be his counsel. The charge that he corrupted French officials is likewise false. He did not have to corrupt anybody."

"After war broke out, Godsol's business in Germany and France went to smash," continued the lawyer. "He had an office staff and nothing for its members to do. He turned to automobiles. He got the agency for the Fiat company in Paris. He secured a government contract for 500 trucks, a million dollar order. From this he branched out and brought in American concerns."

Acted As Individual.

"In all of the transactions he acted as an individual. All the contracts were made before he came to the United States with the French purchasing mission. I am told by French lawyers that there is no law in France forbidding a soldier from profiting through contracts. He received no fees from his government; his receipts were collected from the automobile companies."

"Allegations that Godsol has been under police surveillance in various countries are absolutely false. His exploitation of imitation jewelry has been legitimate. The Tecla Company is still in business and has a store at 308 Fifth avenue. It is an English corporation, and Godsol is a shareholder."

SUIT FOR \$40,000,000 LOST BY RAILROADS

In a decision just handed down by the Court of Claims, the Government will not have to pay \$40,000,000 which the railroads claimed was due them under the old system of weight compensation for transporting mail. A former decision in favor of the Government was reaffirmed. The petition of the railroads for compensation for the handling of parcel post in New England, was also denied.

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